



## **Travis County Fire Marshal's Office**

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### **Travis County issues new burn ban**

The Travis County Commissioners Court issued a new ban on outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the County. The Travis County Fire Marshal lifted the previous burn ban on Oct. 26, 2015.

"Yesterday, Travis County was under a National Weather Service Fire Weather Watch due to high winds and low humidity. When that type of weather is combined with dry, small fuels such as grass, the chances of fire growing and getting out of control increase," said Travis County Fire Marshal Hershel Lee. "Due to these conditions, it is important that Travis County residents observe the burn ban and do their part to not cause a spark that will start a fire."

The burn ban is scheduled to expire on March 9, unless action is taken by the County Judge, Commissioners Court or Fire Marshal. Next Tuesday, February 16, commissioners are scheduled to again consider and take appropriate action on outdoor burning.

This ban on outdoor burning does not affect a prescribed burn under the supervision of a prescription burn manager. It also does not affect outdoor hot work when done under the guidelines established by the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office. Prescription burn managers and those in need of outdoor hot work permits must contact the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office or the fire department in whose jurisdiction the work will be done.

Barbecuing in Travis County Parks and Parks managed by the County is allowed as long as the fire is within a closeable container or a container with a lid. You should also have water nearby in case the fire spreads. Call 9-1-1 immediately if a fire gets out of control.

If you have questions about the burn ban, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at 512-854-4621, or contact your local fire department.

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